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CHILD ABUSE ARREST 8600 BLOCK OF EAST SPEEDWAY

In late September, 2011, the Tucson Police Department's Dependent Child Unit began an investigation that originated with a complaint from staff at a local hospital. Hospital staff reported that the victim, a then **22-month old boy**, was brought into the hospital weighing only 14 ½ pounds. Despite contributing medical conditions, hospital staff were convinced that the boy's low weight could only result from not being provided sufficient nourishment.

Detectives began their investigation and determined that the victim lived with his mother, **23-year old Ashley Kammerer**, who was his primary caregiver. The victim suffered from medical conditions that required special feeding, and Kammerer was not providing the necessary care. The victim was placed in temporary custody with Child Protective Services, and has nearly doubled in weight in the past four months.

On January 12, 2012, detectives presented their completed investigation to the Pima County Grand Jury, resulting in an arrest warrant being issued for Kammerer. She was located today and arrested without incident. She has been charged with **one count of class two felony Child Abuse**, and booked into the Pima County Adult Detention Center.

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